



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** across the United States, more than six million children are being raised in households headed by grandparents and other relatives; and
- WHEREAS,** 2.5 million children are in these households without any parents present; and
- WHEREAS,** in Louisiana, there are 117,859 children living in grandparent-headed households (9.7% of all children in the state); and
- WHEREAS,** in Louisiana, 67,058 grandparents report they are responsible for their grandchildren living with them; and
- WHEREAS,** 57% of these grandparents are African-American; 2% are Hispanic/Latino; 38% are White; and
- WHEREAS,** approximately 30% of Louisiana grandparents raising their grandchildren are living in poverty; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana is doing its part to help provide assistance to grandparents and other relatives who are caring for our children; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana is providing services such as the Kinship Care Subsidy Program, LACHIP, public assistance such as FITAP, Food Stamps, and other government assisted programs to help grandparents and other relative caregivers; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana is offering support through the Ouachita Council on Aging, ULM Family Matters/Family Connections Recycled Parenting Group, AARP, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Information Center of Louisiana and other organizations across Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 17, 2005, as

GRANDPARENT SUPPORT DAY IN OUACHITA PARISH

in recognition of the support and guidance given to grandparents and other relatives by organizations across the state.



Attest By
The Governor

[Signature]
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 16th day of November
A. D., 2005*

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana